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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	AU 47190/00 A (JAMES HAMILTON KYLE) 18 January 2001 Whole document	
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